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Meet Your City Employees

Chenoa Erisman

Senior Center
Director

For this quarterly edition, we would like to introduce you to Chenoa Erisman. Chenoa is the Director for the Germantown Senior Center. She does so much for the seniors of our community, making the Center a fun and inviting place for members to spend time. She also plans interesting and helpful events and outings. Chenoa cares deeply for the seniors she gets to work with and is a large part of the continued success and popularity of the Senior Center.

Chenoa began her role as Senior Center Director eleven years ago. Prior to joining the city, Chenoa worked in various roles for a senior care home. Her duties there included marketing, medical transcribing, office management, and resident relations. This, combined with numerous state certifications, provided Chenoa with a diverse skill set and expertise in working with the elderly. Most importantly, however, Chenoa's time in this previous role strengthened her respect and admiration for the elderly population. Chenoa has always had a heart for this demographic, and her passion for working with them has only grown over the years, driving the compassion with which she approaches every interaction she has with senior center members.

Being a member of the Germantown Senior Center is very affordable

at \$15 a year for residents of Germantown and German Township and \$30 for non-residents. There are multiple activities and events throughout the month, and Chenoa puts out a calendar on the city website so members can plan ahead. There are regular activities at the Center throughout the week, such as chair volleyball, crafts, quilting,



coffee and donut social hours, and bingo. There are also home-cooked meals served regularly at the Center, free of charge for members. "Sometimes we have educational speakers that will come in and give presentations too," said Chenoa. "We have had nursing homes, assisted living, hospices, Medicare, different insurances. We have had financial agencies, area agency on aging, we have even had our representatives and our auditor, Karl Keith, here." There are also 3 to 4 bus outings a month. "We have gone to the Air

Force Museum, Cincinnati Zoo and the Newport Aquarium" said Chenoa.

Chenoa has been thrilled by the renovations completed in recent years, thanks in large part to the generous bequest of Nelda Judy-Lane, a long-time member and supporter of the Center. "Everyone that comes in talks about how welcoming it feels and how it is brighter. It makes them feel happy being here," said Chenoa. Further renovations and potential expansions are being considered, which are sure to be of further benefit.

Having a support system as one ages is crucially important for positive outcomes, and Chenoa is honored to be a part of that for members. "My relationship with the seniors is especially important to me, and that is why I love this job. It is not just a job; it is a service, a ministry," said Chenoa. She encourages

resident seniors who have not visited before to give it a shot. She has been impressed with just how welcoming the members are, so new people are sure to feel comfortable. "We have an awesome atmosphere here," said Chenoa, "I've had many people tell me this is their home."

Thank you Chenoa, for the excellent service you provide at the Germantown Senior Center!

★ ★ ★ ★ FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATIONS! ★ ★ ★ ★

The Historical Society of Germantown will host the 2026 Founders Day Celebration on Sunday afternoon August 2 in Veterans Park from noon to 6:00 pm. Featuring two musical acts in the gazebo beginning with the bluegrass band, Shade Tree Pickers at noon, and wrapping up the afternoon with local song writer/

performing artist Gary D Reece playing a vast array of music from various musical eras.

Always a family-friendly event, this year promises face painting and chalk art for young and old, and a fossil program offered in the picnic shelter by local librarian, Sarah Shirk, geared for children between

the ages of 2 and 12. From pie and ice cream to patriotic popsicles, and lots of choices in between, leaving hungry isn't an option.

This is just a peek at what we have planned, and rest assured there will be plenty of surprises as well.

News from the **PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Library Has Exciting Summer Programs for Kids and Adults Alike!

There's still time to join the fun at the Germantown Public Library! Readers of all ages — adults, teens, and children — can sign up for the Summer Reading Program, track their reading, and earn prizes through July 31.

Kids Programs

LEGO Build Contest

July 3 at 1 p.m.

Kids ages 18 and under are invited to bring an original LEGO creation to compete for prizes in each age group.

Movement to Music

July 6 & 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Dance and move along to songs!
Registration is required.

Wild About Wildlife with Wild Hearts African Farm

July 20 at 1 p.m.

Meet fascinating animals and learn about wildlife in this special interactive program.
Registration is required.

Touch-A-Truck

August 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Explore vehicles and equipment during Touch-A-Truck with the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Storytime — Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

LEGO Club — Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

Dogtor Storytime — Second Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Sensory Storytime — Fourth Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Homeschool Lit Group — Tuesdays at 1 p.m., beginning in September

This Summer Reading project was supported in whole or in part by federal Institute of Museum and Library Services funds, granted through the State Library of Ohio.

Adult Programs

Summer Plant Swap

July 11 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Bring plants, take plants, and share gardening tips with fellow community members.

Local Authors Night

July 15 at 6 p.m.

Meet local writers and hear about their latest books and projects.

Versiti Blood Drive

July 18 from 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Help save lives by donating blood at the library.

Daughters of the American Revolution Workshop

June 25 at 3 p.m.

Join the Jonathan Dayton Chapter of the DAR for a special workshop.

LEGO Date Night

July 22 at 6 p.m.

Build a LEGO set with your favorite person. All LEGOs will be provided. Sponsored by First National Bank of Germantown.

Adult Art — Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

Knit and Crochet Group — Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Senior Chair Class — Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Cardigan Files Book Club — Last Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Alzheimer's Support Group — Third Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m.



Long before Germantown became the quiet Montgomery County community we know today, the area was shaped by pioneering families who traveled from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, North Carolina and even Germany to settle along Twin Creek and the fertile lands of German Township. Among those early settlers were numerous men who either fought in, or provided support for, the American Revolutionary War.

Many of these individuals are buried in local cemeteries, their stories largely forgotten except through old family records, church registers, DAR applications, military records and local histories. Today, organizations such as the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) continue to preserve and honor their contributions.

One of Germantown's earliest settlers was John Foutz, whose surname also appears in records as Pfautz and Fouts. Baptized June 23, 1747, in either Maryland or Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Foutz married Mary Younce and later migrated from Randolph County, North Carolina, to Ohio. He settled near the old Browns Run Chapel in German Township.

Foutz and his wife raised a large family that included Jacob, Henry, Michael, John Frederick, Jonas, Anna, Mary Catharine, Sarah and Elizabeth. Though details of his military service were once unclear, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has confirmed that he provided patriotic service during the Revolutionary War through payment received for wartime services rendered. He died sometime after February 27, 1822, and is buried at Schaeffer Church Cemetery near Germantown.

Another prominent early settler was

Revolutionary War Patriots and Soldiers of Germantown and Surrounding Townships and Villages

By Dr. Stephanie Smith

Philip Negley, born in September 1748. Negley married Elizabeth Hoffer and traveled from Middleton Township in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, first briefly settling in Mercer County, Kentucky, before eventually making his home on the east side of German Township.

Negley was recognized for patriotic service after paying the Pennsylvania Supply Tax in 1781 and 1782. Although earlier accounts mistakenly identified him as a Revolutionary War private, DAR research later clarified his service record. He died October 3, 1843. Originally buried in Sunbury Cemetery, his remains were later moved to Germantown Union Cemetery.

Among the most influential of Germantown's pioneers was Andrew Zeller, sometimes spelled Zoller, who was born August 15, 1755, in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Zeller migrated from Tulpehocken Township in Berks County and established a farm along what is now Twin Creek Road.

Zeller became a well-known religious leader and was reportedly the first western bishop of the United Brethren Church. During the Revolutionary War, he served as a fifer under Captain John Leshar and Colonel John Patton in Pennsylvania militia

service. He married first Catherine Forrer and later Frances Ellis, raising a large family in German Township. Zeller died May 24, 1839. He was initially buried on his farm before being reinterred in Germantown Union Cemetery.

Nathaniel Lyon was another notable Revolutionary War veteran who helped shape the early settlement of Germantown. Born July 3, 1758, in Essex County, New Jersey, Lyon married Mary Mercy Wilcox and came west during the early settlement period.

According to local tradition, Lyon settled in Germantown during the "squatter period," before government surveys had officially established land ownership in the area. During the Revolutionary War, he served as a private in the 2nd Regiment of the Essex County, New Jersey Militia Continental Line under several captains and colonels throughout the war.

Lyon died September 2, 1833, in Germantown. Records indicate he was originally buried at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery before later being reinterred in Germantown Union Cemetery after roadway improvements disturbed the original burial location.



Philip Negley's Gravestone at the Cemetery



Michael Emrick's Gravestone at the Cemetery



Andrew Zeller's Gravestone at the Cemetery



Revolutionary War Patriots Plaque at the Cemetery

Disclaimer: Information for this article was obtained from a variety of sources, including local and county resources, as well as Ancestry, FamilySearch, Fold3 and FindMyPast family histories and local tradition and may contain occasional inaccuracies. Special thanks to Jim Clark, local historian; Sarah Shirk of the Germantown Public Library; and others for their assistance with locating research resources.

Dr. Stephanie Smith is a member of the Jonathan Dayton Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and currently serves as the Ohio State Librarian. Information about the Jonathan Dayton Chapter can be found at www.jonathandaytonnsdar.weebly.com



Michael Emerick, whose surname also appears as Emrick, was born February 10, 1756, possibly in Bethel Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. He married Christina Kanter in 1778 and later migrated from Tulpehocken Township to German Township.

Emerick settled on land along Creek Road near the site of the former Conover's Mill. DAR records confirm his patriotic service through payment of the 1781 Pennsylvania Supply Tax. Earlier family histories claimed he served as a lieutenant during the war, though modern genealogical standards have not verified that military rank. Emerick died October 14, 1820, in German Township and was buried in Sunbury Cemetery.

Frederick Harp was born September 17, 1756, in East District Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Unlike some settlers who provided patriotic support through taxes or supplies, Harp directly served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

As a private from Pennsylvania, Harp reportedly fought at White Plains, New York, and later at the Battle of Brandywine. He later settled in German Township. He married first Christine, whose last name is unknown. He later married Catherine Eklof. He had at least one child, Jacob. Harp died November 21, 1835, and was buried in the Zeller Farm cemetery, which was later lost due to flooding from Little Twin Creek.

George Clency, sometimes spelled Clensy, was born December 22, 1747, in Staunton, Virginia. During the Revolutionary War, he served as a private from Virginia between 1776 and 1779.

Military records and family histories indicate Clency fought in several major engagements of the war, including Brandywine, Monmouth, Valley Forge and Yorktown. He later settled in German Township with son Sidney. He died January 9, 1853, and is buried in Sunbury Cemetery.



Soldiers and Cemetery

A-Grave websites. Some information originated from and Julia Smith of the Germantown Historical Society for

arian for the Ohio Society Daughters of the American

Announcing Changes to the July 4th Parade

It's almost time to celebrate Independence Day! We are making a couple of changes to the 4th of July Parade this year that we hope will help make it an even bigger and better event this year and for years to come.

Firstly, we have created a new sign-up form for those wishing to participate. Participation is still open to all Valley View residents/community groups; that is not changing. The hope of having sign-ups prior to the event will allow for better communication with participants to coordinate items and promote safety. The city will not be turning people away if they forget to sign up; we have also been reaching out to those groups that are known to have participated in the past. Please see the link below to sign up your group for the parade. Having this list ahead of time will also help us with the second new item.

We are happy to announce the new awards for those who participate in the parade. These awards are 1. Mayor's Choice, 2. Crowd Favorite (there will be an online poll released after the parade), 3. Red, White, and WOW (most patriotic/spirited) and 4. Best Youth Entry. The winners will be announced after the conclusion of the parade and will be presented in-person at the August City Council meeting.

We are very excited to celebrate the 4th and America's 250th as a community and hope that everyone goes even bigger and more creative this year. If you have questions, please reach out to wparsons@germantown.oh.us or call City Hall at 937-855-7255.

Link to sign-up form: www.tinyurl.com/GtownJuly4





Germantown Business Spotlight

Hedy & Company Merchants & Makers Market

Hedy Riegler, owner and curator of Hedy & Company Merchants and Makers Market, has always been creative. In her words, she has always enjoyed finding and making things. After leaving a job in the corporate world, Hedy began following a path that was better suited to her creative drive, one which led to her hosting a booth at the 2nd Street Market in Dayton. Hedy spent 10 years there, starting with a temporary space in the pavilion before eventually moving to a permanent booth space. It was here that Hedy's network of artisans and makers grew, which then enabled the creation of Hedy & Company here in Germantown in the fall of 2024.



Hedy's dog Pearl

unified whole. And there are myriad types of items to peruse, such as jewelry, candles, paintings, pressed flowers, vintage local photography, antique home goods, clothing, soap, consumables like coffee and honey, and more.

Hedy's specialty is stamped jewelry, a form she began working in during her



Hedy Riegler

Visiting Hedy & Company is an experience, something that is a conscious choice by Hedy. She has a degree in business psychology, so Hedy is extremely intentional with the way she sets up her store both in its physical makeup, as well as the types of vendors that have space there. While there are many makers represented, the shop itself has a cohesive, timeless aesthetic; everything looks and feels like it belongs. It is also open and inviting. Rather than having booths or walled off cubicles, the products flow together and present as a

2nd Street Market days. It started when she was gifted a set of dyes, and Hedy decided to try her hand at them during the market. She recalls stamping a little girl's name for her. "She had a really unique name, and her mom loved it and ordered some for a birthday party," said Hedy. There are different options for what one gets stamped, but the best seller is the round brass tag. Once you have stamped your item, Hedy has different chain options for bracelets and necklaces.

She can also make rings, key rings, earrings, and even leather cuffs. "The personalization makes it a great gift," Hedy said. She has stamped items for Mother's Day and Father's Day, with anniversaries/meaningful dates, as well as longitude and latitude coordinates. You also get your purchase the same day you buy it.

Customers can also make their stamped items themselves in the workshop space. This is available for walk-ins; however Hedy does consistently offer scheduled classes, which she posts about on the shop's website and Facebook page. These classes require no experience or materials and typically take about an hour. In the beginner class, patrons get to stamp a brass tag. In the intermediate, you make a cuffed bracelet instead where you also file

the edges and bend it. Either way, you get to craft a meaningful keepsake. Classes in other artforms are sometimes available, and Hedy is also open to proposals for other types of classes if residents have an idea for something they want to teach.



Hedy Riegler & her daughter Greta

No matter what the occasion, patrons are sure to enjoy their time browsing through Hedy & Company, taking in the passion of local artisans. If you are lucky, you may also be greeted by Hedy's dog, Pearl. "She really steals the show," said Hedy.

History of the Kern Lion

There are many symbols that represent Germantown, both for residents and visitors alike. For some it's the historic covered bridge; for others, it is a pretzel. But perhaps most enigmatic of all is the Kern Lion, the concrete statues situated around town in yards, parks, and in front of businesses. While all residents have come across one of these lions, not everyone knows the story of how they came to hold a special place in the heart of our community.

The creator of the Kern Lions was Homer Kern, a long-time Germantown resident, or "Uncle Bud" as he was known to his great-niece, Mandy Ward. Mandy has sweet memories of her uncle from early on in her life; he was a very family-oriented man who she always enjoyed visiting. "Uncle Bud was just a great person," said Mandy. Homer was already retired when she was a child, so Mandy only ever knew him as a man that spent his days pursuing his various interests and passions, of which there were many. Homer had a sharp mind and enjoyed keeping up on current events. "He loved to read any kind of history. He would read the newspaper from cover to cover, and he would mark little tidbits in it that he wanted his sisters to read. He was just a world of knowledge," said Mandy. Homer also liked to work with his hands. Mandy recalls her uncle building a wooden doll-house complete with miniature accessories as well as a sandbox with little tools his young nieces could play with. This knack for handiwork and creating is what ultimately led to Homer creating his famous lion.

The circumstances by which Homer's lions came to be are a bit astounding. On a random day in 1985, Homer's neighbor came by and asked him if he could use some left-over concrete from a project the neighbor had completed. Hearing this, Homer remembered the lion mold that had come into his possession over



50 years prior. Homer's brother-in-law, Ross Patterson, had been a foreman at a local business called Buckeye Concrete. It came to be that a traveling salesman had left behind a lion mold at the business. They waited and waited for him to

come back and retrieve it, but the salesman never did. Unsure of what to do with the mold, it was offered to Homer. He accepted and kept it in his barn from about 1930 to 1985 when he was gifted with the excess concrete. And so, the first lion was cast and has stayed in Mandy's family ever since.

People liked the look of this original lion, and Homer began receiving commission requests. He had a bit of a crude operation. Homer would get sand from Twin Creek and mixed the concrete himself in a wheelbarrow. In all, he would go on to create approximately 400 lions over a 10-year period, a staggering amount considering this was mostly a one-man operation, each lion weighed over 400 pounds, and Homer was the ripe age of 85 when he first began the enterprise!

Homer was always honored that people valued his handiwork. Over the years, the lions have become family heirlooms and have found their way to other cities and even other states. Mandy recalls her Uncle Bud receiving cards on his birthday and Christmas from people that included photos of their Kern Lions, often decorated for the holiday. "He always got a kick out of that," said Mandy. She and her family take pride in the legacy of the Kern family that her uncle created and are themselves honored that his lions are also part of the community's legacy. The next time you come across one of his lions, take a moment to think of Homer Kern. And if you are lucky enough to own one of them, you are encouraged to care for it well, and maybe even dress it up for holidays and special occasions.

Fall Community Garage Sale September 19 & 20!

The City of Germantown Community-Wide Garage Sale is set for Saturday, Sep 19, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday, Sep 20, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. If you wish to participate

as a registered vendor, please contact City Hall at 937-855-7255. We will post the list of vendors and their top sale items a week before the sale begins.

Saturday Night Out: CAR CRUISE-IN

Saturday Night Out will be held on August 15 and October 10! The event is a family-friendly car cruise-in with a variety of food vendors, artisan stalls, and live music!





Twisted Pretzel Bike Ride 2026

The 2026 Twisted Pretzel Tour will take place in Germantown and Farmersville on Saturday, September 26, 2026. The Twisted Pretzel Tour is a staggered-start non-timed event through the beautiful Germantown countryside. The routes (8, 21, 34, or 47 miles) are flat to gently rolling with the longer routes traveling over the scenic Germantown dam (and down, not up, the dam hill). Signs clearly mark the routes. Helmets are required. The ride is held in conjunction with the Germantown Pretzel Festival and is sponsored by the Germantown Lions. The ride is a charity event with all proceeds benefiting local food pantries and civic organizations.

All riders are welcome! The goal of this event is to have fun and raise money for the local food banks & civic organizations! The break stops (one at the Farmersville Community Park and the second just below the Germantown Dam) include warm pretzels and dips along with traditional ride fare such as water and fruit. The Pretzel Loop (47 mile) has a break stop at Slifers Presbyterian Church.

Prices range from \$20 to \$50 depending on the chosen loop. More information can be found at www.twistedpretzeltour.com.

City Received H2Ohio Chloride Reduction Grant

Germantown is one of 15 entities in Ohio to receive grant funds meant to help Ohio communities reduce chloride pollution caused by road salt during harsh winter weather. This protects Ohio's waterways while maintaining public safety on the roads. Germantown received \$70,627, which will be used for a brine mixer and applicator. This will reduce the amount of road salt used in our community and ultimately help improve local water quality. Thank you to the City team, Jonathan Moore, Chip Wirrig, Dave Eshbaugh, Tiffani Tobias, and Pat Higgins for their efforts in securing these funds. More information can be found at www.twistedpretzeltour.com.

CODERED

By **CRISIS24**

Stay up-to-date on what is happening in Germantown via CodeRed by Crisis24. Sign up to receive notifications via text message, phone call, and/or email. You decide what types of updates you want to be notified about; options include:

- **Emergency Situations**
Inclement weather, boil advisories, etc.

Get Community Updates Via CodeRed by Crisis24

- **Event Updates**
Festivals, special happenings, etc.
- **Germantown Aquatic Center Updates**
Early closures, delays, etc.

Register for free online at www.tinyurl.com/GtownCodeRed. For further questions or assistance, call Germantown City Hall at 937-855-7255.



Looking for an easy way to s plants happy, and reduce sto rainwater with a simple rain l for many households.

Is it Legal?

A common misconception in our area is that harvesting this wonderful resource is illegal. While this is true in many Western states where water is limited, harvesting rainwater in Ohio is completely legal!

It should be noted that some HOAs and municipalities may regulate placement of rain barrels due to aesthetic reasons. It is important to always check with local zoning before installation.

How do I do it?

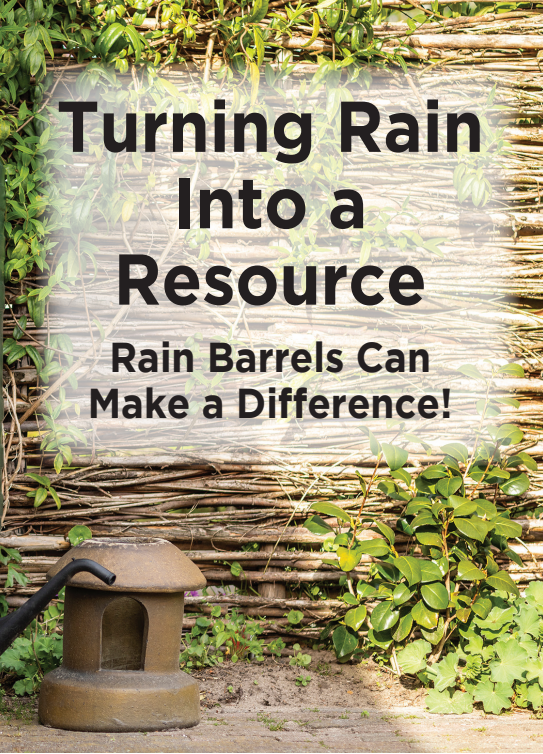
Rain barrels are the most common harvesting method. These barrels can be freestanding to collect falling raindrops or connected to downspouts to collect runoff. It is important to ensure that the barrels are sealed or covered with a screen to prevent mosquitoes.

Water collected in the barrels can be used to water flowers, trees, gardens, and lawns. They are also useful for cleaning off outdoor tools and can even be used to clean your car. This water is only suitable for non-potable use, meaning it should not be used for cooking, drinking, or washing dishes.

Montgomery SWCD sells rain barrels on their website at www.montgomeryswcd.org/store

Turning Rain Into a Resource

Rain Barrels Can Make a Difference!



Save money, keep your stormwater runoff? Capturing rain in a barrel is a low-cost option

What is the benefit?

Rainwater harvesting has several economic and environmental benefits. For one, relying on rainwater rather than municipal water can decrease your water bill and load on municipal water systems. Rainwater is also healthier for plants as it is free of chlorine, fluoride, and salts found in treated water.

Rainwater is naturally soft. This means that it is less likely to cause lime buildup in outdoor appliances and cause spotting when washing vehicles.

Lastly, harvesting rainwater reduces stormwater runoff. The water coming from your downspouts eventually ends up in our waterways. On its path to get there, it has the potential to pick up harmful pollutants and flood out neighboring properties. By collecting rainwater for reuse, you are reducing the impact that it can have on the local community while benefiting your home!

Suggestions and Recommendations

Thank you for reading Germantown's newsletter! If you have suggestions or recommendations for items or stories you'd like to see in future publications, or if someone you know did not receive a newsletter, please email newsletter@germantown.oh.us.

GERMANTOWN FIRE NEWS



Smoke Detectors Save Lives!

Smoke detectors are one of the simplest and most effective tools for saving lives in a home fire. In many fatal fires, victims have little to no warning before conditions become deadly. Working smoke alarms provide those critical extra seconds needed to escape safely, especially at night when fires are more likely to go unnoticed. Every home should have smoke detectors installed on every level, inside sleeping areas, and outside bedrooms, and they should be tested regularly to ensure they are functioning properly.

Recent fire fatality reports highlight just how important these devices are. According to U.S. news media reports published within 24-48 hours after incidents, there have been 118 home fire fatalities reported between January 1, 2025, and April 24, 2026. These early reports typically include only basic details, such as the number of fatalities, the time and location of the fire, and the type of residence involved, such as a house, apartment, or mobile home. Because fire investigations can take weeks or even months to complete, details about the cause of the fire and whether working smoke alarms were present are often preliminary and may change. Even so, these tragedies serve as a powerful reminder: having properly installed and maintained smoke detectors can mean the difference between life and death.



Promotion News

Congratulations to Lieutenant Brandon Roberts on his new promotion! With 17 years of experience in the fire service, Brandon brings a wealth of knowledge, dedication, and leadership to our department. He has previously served as Assistant Chief for two different organizations, leading with integrity and commitment. For Brandon, the fire service is more than a career, it's family. Following in the footsteps of his dad, grandfather, uncles, and cousins; serving others has always been a big part of his life. Brandon's professionalism, leadership, and willingness to mentor and teach those around him make him a tremendous asset to his crew and our community. We are excited to see him continue to grow in this new position and know he will do an outstanding job.

GERMANTOWN POLICE NEWS



Police in the Community

PFC. S. Biggs represented the Germantown Police Department at the annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Community Harvest Church. The event provided an opportunity for officers to engage with local families and children in a positive and welcoming environment. The department appreciates Community Harvest Church for organizing this community event and for its continued support of local law enforcement.

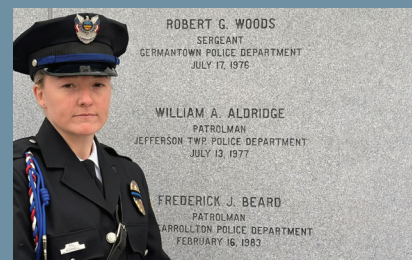


Join the Germantown Police Department for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park. National Night Out is an annual event that brings together law enforcement and the community in a fun, family-friendly setting. It provides an opportunity for children, parents, and residents to meet their local officers, and build positive relationships.

Swearing-In of New Officers



On April 28, 2026, the Germantown Police Department held a swearing-in ceremony to welcome new and returning members to the department. Major Scott Brown was sworn in following his retirement and subsequent reappointment as Major. Patrol Officer Adam Biltz and Patrol Officer Mark Evanoff were also sworn in as new full-time officers. The Germantown Police Department congratulates Major Brown, Officer Biltz, and Officer Evanoff and thanks them for their commitment to serving the Germantown community.



On May 15, 2026, PFC Worrell attended the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial Dedication Ceremony in Dayton, Ohio.



GERMANTOWN SENIOR CENTER

EST. 2000

33 N. Cherry Street
(937) 853-8900

Reminders

Please remember to sign up for activities and inform us of cancellations.

Check the monthly calendar for additions or changes. You can pick up a calendar at the Center or print from the city's website.

Rentals

The Senior Center is a beautiful facility equipped with a full kitchen and tables and chairs that is available for rental for parties, meetings and more! Call the Center for rental inquiries.

Annual Membership Fee

\$15 per year for German Township or Germantown Residents, \$30 per year for Non-Residents.

Mail or drop off completed application along with check made payable to: Germantown Senior Center, 33 N. Cherry St., Germantown, Ohio 45327. We can only accept checks, no cash please.

Call (937) 853-8900 to speak with us.

Our Mission

We advocate for the well-being and dignity of all seniors by providing health, educational and recreational programs to assist them to lead independent and useful lives.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Bingo With Halftime Lunch

Wednesday at 11 am: July 29, August 26, September 23

Breakfasts

9:30 am July 24, May 22, August 28, September 25
10:30 am Bible Study Following

Walking Group

Thursdays at 12 pm. Meet at center. Weather permitting.

Lunch & Learn

Friday at 11 am: July 17, August 21, September 18

Lunch & Shopping Bus Trip

Friday at 11 am: July 10, 13 & 31, August 14 & 25, September 11, 14

Penny Auction

1st Wednesday at 11 am: July 1, August 5, September 2

2nd Wednesday Craft Days

Starts at 11 am: July 8, August 12, September 9

Card Bingo

3rd Wednesday at 11 am: July 15, August 19, September 16

Special Announcements

July 1- 12 pm, Landscape Volunteer Day and outside decorating. Brunch following

July 10- 11 am Bus Trip, Lunch and Jungle Jim's

July 13- 11 am Bus Trip, Lunch at Fricker's & Exploring the Big Thrift Store

July 14- 5:30 pm, Cookout & Band

July 31- 11am Bus Trip, Lunch at Parkside & Steiner's

August 7- 11 am, Bus Trip to Dave and Busters

August 14- 11 am Bus Trip, Lunch at Doubleday's & Hobby Lobby

August 17- Let's get ready to sock hop! Dinner at 5:30, Band from 6-8. Come dressed in 1950's style! Best-dressed prize for male & female!

August 21- We're celebrating National Senior Citizens Day with an Ice Cream Social after our 11 am Lunch & Learn.

August 25- 10:30 am Bus Trip, Wright B Flyer Museum & The Breakfast Club

September 4- 10 am Bus Trip to Young's Dairy, Corn Maze & Adventure Golf

September 11- 11 am Bus Trip, Bullwinkle's & shopping Downtown Miamisburg

September 14- 11 am Bus Trip, Lunch at Firebirds & shopping Austin Landing

September 22- 11 am Bus Trip to celebrate fall, Godfather's & Cox Arboretum

September 29- 5 pm, Let's meet for dinner at Alleyway Café



Easter Egg Hunt Prize Winners



Lunch Outing



Bus Trip to Newport Aquarium

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 pm Chair Volleyball	10 am Open Computer	10 am Quilters 10 am Social Hour with Coffee & Donuts	12 pm Walking 1 pm Dominos 1 pm Mah Jongg 2 pm Euchre	1 pm Chair Volleyball

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Germantown PARKS NEWS

City Receives \$200K Grant from State of Ohio for Park Improvements

The City of Germantown is pleased to report that it has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the State of Ohio Capital Budget. The grant application, submitted by City staff in March, specified that funds were being sought to assist in the completion of numerous improvement projects at Kercher and Weber Parks, including replacing the ballfields' aging fencing, renovating the concession stand/restroom facility, and expanding/addressing the parking lots at both parks. "The residents of Germantown deserve high-quality parks. These funds from the state will be of great assistance in addressing areas of need and providing continued improvements in both Kercher and Weber Park," said Mayor Terry Johnson.



years, so these grant funds will continue this trend. Previous projects include updating playground equipment, installing walking paths, renovating tennis courts, completing erosion control measures, improving drainage, and ongoing upkeep of buildings.

These funds being allocated by the State will be for fiscal year 2027-2028. Per the application submitted by Germantown, the City will also be contributing

financially to the projects being funded by the state, through the use of the City's general fund as well as private donations. Two other entities in town, the Historical Society of Germantown and Valley View Youth Tennis Association, were also confirmed to receive funding from the same source. The City is incredibly thankful to see much needed State funding being invested in our community.

Emphasis has been placed on improving these parks in recent

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